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AGENTS FOR THE CHINA MAIL.

LONDON.—F. ALGAR, 11 & 12, Clement's Lane, Lombard Street, E.C. GEORGE STREET & CO., 30, Cornhill, GORDON & GOTCH, Ludgate Circus, E.C. BATES HENDY & CO., 37, Walbrook, E.C. SAMUEL DEACON & CO., 150 & 154, Leadenhall Street.
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AUSTRALIA, TASMANIA, AND NEW ZEALAND.—GORDON & GOTCH, Melbourne and Sydney.
SAN FRANCISCO and American Ports generally.—BEAN & BLACK, San Francisco.
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CHINA.—MACE, MESSRS A. DE MELLO & CO., SWINTON, QUELCH & CO., FOSHAN, HEDGE & CO., Shanghai, LANE, CRAWFORD & CO., and KELLY & WALSH, Yokohama, LANE, CRAWFORD & CO.

Banks.

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

PAID-UP CAPITAL, \$7,500,000
RESERVE FUND, \$4,400,000
RESERVE FOR EQUALIZATION \$400,000
OF DIVIDENDS, \$400,000
RESERVE LIABILITY OF PROPRIETORS, \$7,500,000

COURT OF DIRECTORS.
Chairman.—A. P. McDOWELL, Esq.
Deputy Chairman.—Hon. F. D. SANSON.
C. D. BOTTOMLEY, M. GROVE, Esq.
H. H. HOPKINS, Esq.
H. L. DALRYMPLE, Hon. W. KESWICK, Esq.
A. MCIVER, Esq.
W. H. FORBES, Esq.

CHIEF MANAGER.—THOMAS JACKSON, Esq.
MANAGER.—EVAN CAMERON, Esq.
LONDON BANKERS.—London and County Bank.

HONGKONG,
INTEREST ALLOWED.
ON Current Deposit Account at the rate
of 2 per cent. per annum on the daily
balance.

For Fixed Deposits—
For 3 months, 3 per cent. per annum.
" 6 " 4 per cent. "
" 12 " 5 per cent. "

LOCAL BILLS DISCOUNTED.

Credits granted on approved Securities, and every description of Banking and Exchange business transacted.

Draws granted on London, and the chief Commercial places in Europe, India, Australia, America, China and Japan.

T. JACKSON,
Chief Manager.
Hongkong, August 26, 1884. 1423

NOTICE.

RULES OF THE HONGKONG SAVINGS' BANK.

1.—The business of the above Bank will be conducted by the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, on their premises in Hongkong. Business hours on week-days, 10 to 3: Saturdays, 10 to 1.

2.—The Assets of the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation will form a direct security for the repayment of sums deposited in the above Bank.

3.—Sums less than \$1, or more than \$250 at one time will not be received. No depositor may deposit more than \$1,500 in any one year.

4.—Depositors may be on behalf of relations, trustees, &c., in addition to the depositor's own account.

5.—Persons desirous of saving sums less than a dollar may do so by affixing clean ten-cent stamps to a form to be obtained at the Bank or at the Post Office. When the form is presented with ten clean stamps the depositor will be credited one dollar.

6.—Depositors in the Savings' Bank having \$100 or more at their credit may at their option transfer the same to the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation on fixed deposit for 12 months at 5 per cent. per annum interest.

7.—Deposits may be forwarded from the Posts by means of clean Hongkong Postage Stamps of any values.

8.—Interest at the rate of 3½ per cent. per annum will be allowed to depositors on their daily balances.

9.—Each Depositor will be supplied gratis with a Pass-Book which must be presented with every payment or withdrawal. Depositors must not make entries themselves in their Pass-Books but should send them to be written up at least twice a year, about the beginning of January and beginning of July.

10.—Covers containing Pass-Books, Registered Letters containing Stamps or other Remittances, and generally, correspondence as to the business of the Bank will, if marked *On Hongkong Savings' Bank Business*, be forwarded free of Postage or Registration Fees by the various British Post Offices in Hongkong and China.

11.—Withdrawals may be made on demand, but the personal attendance of the depositor or his duly appointed agent, and the production of his Pass-Book are necessary.

12.—All documents connected with the business of the Savings' Bank are exempt from stamp duty.

* For the
HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING
CORPORATION,
T. JACKSON,
Chief Manager.

Hongkong, April 25, 1884. 715

WITH Reference to the above, BUSINESS will be commenced on the

1st MAY, 1884.

For the
HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING
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Chief Manager.

Hongkong, April 25, 1884. 716

THE NEW ORIENTAL BANK CORPORATION, LIMITED.

(Incorporated in London on 18th July, 1884, under the Companies Acts 1862, to 1883.)

LONDON BANKERS:

UNION BANK OF LONDON, LTD.

BANK OF SCOTLAND, LONDON.

RATES or INTEREST ALLOWED ON DE-

POSITS.

At 3 months' notice 3 ½ per annum.

" 6 " 4 ½ "

" 12 " 5 ½ "

Current Accounts kept on Terms which may be learnt on application.

H. A. HERBERT,
Manager.

Hongkong, September 15, 1884. 1556

Notices of Firms.

NOTICE.

THE INTEREST and RESPONSIBILITY of Mr. FREDERIC DELANO HITCH in our Firm in Hongkong, China and elsewhere CHASED on the 3rd June last.

RUSSELL & CO.

China, 1st January, 1885.

NOTICE.

THE PARTNERSHIP heretofore existing between us is Undesigned CHASED This Day by Mutual Consent, and with this Notice the Firm of HUGHES & LEGGE is DISSOLVED.

WILLIAM LEGGE,
E. JONES RUGHES.

Hongkong, January 1, 1885. 12

NOTICE.

REFERRING to the Notice of the DISSOLUTION of the Firm of HUGHES & LEGGE, I will Continue the BUSINESS of SHARE and GENERAL BROKER in my own Name from this date.

WILLIAM LEGGE.

Hongkong, January 1, 1885. 13

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E. JONES HUGHES.

Hongkong, January 1, 1885. 9

NOTICE.

M. R. B. DALTON SAYLE was Admitted a PARTNER in my Business from the 1st instant, and the Name or Style of the Firm in future will be "W. R. LOXLEY & CO."

W. R. LOXLEY.

Hongkong, January 13, 1885. 76

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For Sale.

FOR SALE.

FAIRBANKS' SCALES.

DEVOS NONPARUEL KEROSINE OIL.

PAINTS and OILS, TALLOW and TAR, PITCH and ROSIN.

AN INVOICE OF PARLOUR AND COOKING STOVES.

EX LATE ARRIVALS. CHATEAU MARGAUX. CHATEAU LA TOUR, pints & quarts. 12BS. GRAVES, " " BREAKFAST CLARET, " "

SACOCHE MANZANELLA & AMON- TILLADO. SACOCHE OLD INVALID PORT (1848). HUNT'S PORT.

1 and 3-star HENNESSY'S BRANDY. COUVEVOISER'S BRANDY. FINEST OLD BOURBON WHISKY. KINAHAN'S WHISKY. ROYAL GLENDEE WHISKY. BOARD'S OLD TOM. E & J. BURKE'S IRISH WHISKY. ROSE'S LIME JUICE CORDIAL. NOILLY PRAT & Co.'s VERMOUTH. JAMESON'S WHISKY. MARASALA. EASTERN CIDER. CHARTREUSE. MARASCHINO. CURACAO.

BASS'S ALE, bottled by CAMERON and SAUNDERS, pints and quarts. GUINNESS'S STOUT, bottled by E. & J. BOKE, pints and quarts. DRAUGHT ALE and PORTER, by the Gallon. ALE and PORTER, in hogsheads.

MILNER'S PATENT FIRE-PROOF SAFES, CASH and PAPER BOXES, at Manufacturer's Prices.

SOLE Agents for MESSRS. TURNBULL, JNR., and SOMERVILLE'S MALTESE CIGARETTES.

MACEWELL, FRICKEL & Co. Hongkong, January 8, 1885. 40

Notices to Consignees.

FROM GLASGOW, LONDON, PENANG AND SINGAPORE.

THE Steamship *Glenearn*, having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of our cargo are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed and stored at their risk into the Godowns of the undersigned, whence and/or from the Wharves or Boats delivery may be obtained.

Optional cargo will be forwarded unless notice to the contrary be given before noon To-day, the 26th instant.

Cargo remaining undelivered after the 31st instant will be subject to rent.

No claims will be admitted after the Goods have left our Godowns.

No fire insurance has been effected.

Bills of lading will be countersigned by

JARDINE, MATTHESON & Co. Hongkong, January 23, 1885. 129

Optional cargo will be forwarded unless notice to the contrary be given before 4 p.m. To-day, the 23rd instant.

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Captain S. Ashton, master of the S. S. *Douglas*, will leave here to-morrow, in the mail steamer, for England. Captain M. Young has taken command of the *Douglas*.

WENYI, the two Armstrong cruisers were ordered South from Port Arthur to the relief of Formosa, the whole crews and petty officers came ashore, says the *Shun Foo*, and declined to go. Their fears were calmed by Admiral Ting. The troops at Port Arthur are said to find difficulty in getting provisions. Those used to be brought from Chefoo, but the cold weather has nearly stopped the supply, so that an egg costs 14 cash and everything else is dear in proportion. The unfortunate soldiers can also get nothing but counterfeit cash, 100 of which are worth 20 good cash, so no wonder prices range high. The men of the Office of Works tried to smuggle some 30,000 tael of small cash on board the *Chin Hui* on their way to Port Arthur from Tientsin, but the captain found it out and threw it all overboard.

It may not perhaps be generally known especially by the European section of the community, that the price of copper cents is at present ruling very high, in fact higher than it has been for many years. Usually the price of copper cents goes up with the approach of the Chinese New year, but this year the upward tendency has been greater, owing, it is alleged, to the large export of the coins in question to Haiphong. It is said that several millions of cents have found their way to Haiphong or Tonquin within the last few months. The ruling of the price to-day is 102 cents per dollar, and it is expected that it will be still higher before the China New Year, when it will perhaps begin to decrease to its former rate. The sudden disappearance of the bulk of the depreciated Japanese ten-cent pieces is accounted for in the same way, they have nearly all gone to Tonquin and are circulated there at their full value. The dearness of copper cents may appear in most people's eyes as a trifling matter, but when several thousands of dollars' worth of these coins are at a considerable premium the subject is of some moment. Housekeepers are the losers of a few cents in every dollar, in nearly all their market transactions.

The French ironclad *Triomphant* arrived here yesterday morning from Formosa. She is the first French man-of-war that has entered the harbour since the issue of the proclamation announcing that the 10th section of the Foreign Enlistment Act would be enforced. The harbour authorities have simply sent a copy of the proclamation on board, but they will of course see that only the specified quantities of coal and provisions are shipped. It is not likely, however, that the officers of the *Triomphant* will endeavour to evade the conditions imposed by the proclamation in any way. Meanwhile some rather wild rumours are going round as to the way in which the French intend to meet these new restrictions. One of them is that the Canton river is to be blockaded. Such rumours as these are not likely to have any foundation in fact, from the circumstance alone that no important steps of this nature could be taken without instructions from the French Government and Admiral Courbet, and the gallant Admiral can scarcely yet have heard of the issue of the proclamation.

Assuming that the French attempted anything in the nature of a blockade of the Canton river, they would probably not go farther than intercepting the import of contraband of war. This step they could no doubt take with perfect propriety; indeed there could have been no outcry in this Colony if they had endeavoured to stop munitions of war being sent to Canton in an earlier stage of the reprisals.

Our contemporary of the Press has an article on the decadence of Yau-ni-hu, and he explains this reverse of fortune on the ground that the industry of boat-breaching has been disheartened by the new sanitary regulations. There is some misconception here. So far as we can learn, the returns of shipping and of householders are altogether opposed to the mournful tone adopted by our contemporary. The total fees received in these waters from native craft during last year may have been considerably reduced, owing to the local state of war rendered necessary by the French operations on the China Coast. But the returns of junks made at the branch Harbour Office of Yau-Mati do not show more than an average share in this loss; indeed, it is stated on good authority that they compare not unfavourably with past years. Again, we are informed that all the houses in the village are occupied, and that many of the tenements are overcrowded, while more than half of the estate in the new wing of the market are let. The "squatter" question is an old grievance in Yau-ni-hu; but it is possible that the conversion of squatters into lease-holders, or the transference of squatters to other sites, may frequently be an advantage to Government and its Treasury. We have the best reason for knowing that the industry of boat-breaching has not been discouraged, and that, although some of the squatters on the other side of the harbour (and probably a few of them are boat-breachers) have been "moved on" to another part of the beach, this has not or ought not to have influenced the breeders in any adverse manner whatever. When a man

engaged on breeding boats has allowed rabbish and filth to accumulate alongside his improvised shipyard, he has been duly fined at the Police Court; but as honest breeding seems fairly enough to have been regarded by the Magistrate in an entirely different light from that of the accumulation of dungheaps, breeding pure and simple has never been interfered with. It would appear, therefore, that our contemporary has been somehow misled on this point, and it seems to be advisable that the case should be correctly stated. The improvements made in Yau-ni-hu of late are very marked, and if any dict has been put in the right place, it is natural that some small interests may have suffered.

HSIAO CHIK-LIANG, the official who recently memorialised against the introduction of railways, has, says the *Daily News*, been degraded three degrees of rank. All his counter-proposals are rejected.

THE *China Gazette* says that the British steamer *Java*, Captain H. Young, arrived from Yokohama from Keelung on the 2nd of the 13th January. She left the port on the 8th January, and reported having experienced strong northerly gales during the last three days of the passage.

BRISBANE, Jan. 2d.—A shark, fourteen feet long, was caught near Melbourne. The monster contained in his stomach portions of a man's arm and clothing, and a gold watch, which has since been identified as having belonged to a Mr. Brown, who was last overboard from the yacht "Johanna" a fortnight before.

THE ordinary annual general meeting of the Stonewall (Colorado) Mining and Milling Company was to have been held yesterday (Jan. 20th), but, notwithstanding the quorum, it did not take place. The object of the meeting was, we believe, to pass the accounts. The meeting is now advertised to take place on the 27th instant.—*N. C. D. News*.

THE Chinese fleet that is to raise the blockade of Formosa was to have left for that island yesterday (Jan. 20th), but, notwithstanding the compasses, or as they are called the "southern-pointing chariot," on board appear to be all wrong, most of the vessels have gone up the river instead. One remains at Wusung.—*N. C. D. News*.

THE annual gaol returns supplied by the Acting Superintendent, are published in Saturday's *Government Gazette*. The total number of prisoners committed during 1884 was 4,029, of whom 43 were imprisoned for debt, 432 for safe custody, 1000 of second, and 3,222 for purposes of punishment. Of old offenders there were 2,231 who had been once before convicted, 44 twice, and 183 thrice or more. There were 323 prisoners committed for five years or more, 128 for one year or more, but less than five years, 284 for more than three months and less than one year, and 2,884 for three months or less. The daily average number in prison was 5,522, namely, 520 men, 10,76 women, and 21,24 juveniles.

A TELEGRAM was received in Shanghai on the 19th January by Messrs. Morris & Co., dated Fukuaya, 3 p.m., to the effect that their steamer *Gresham Hall* had become a total wreck off Fukushima, Island of Yezo. No lives were lost. The telegram gives no further particulars. The *Gresham Hall* was a vessel of 450 tons register. She was commanded by Captain O'Brien, and left Shanghai on the 14th January, bound for Hakodate. The *Gresham Hall* was originally the Russian steamer *Grand Duke Constantine*; she has been engaged in the coasting trade since her arrival in the Far East in 1879. She was sold by auction, about two years ago, when Messrs. Morris & Co. became the purchasers.—*Shanghai Mercury*.

TUE. N.C. D. News says:—The Treaty signed on 10th January between Japan and Korea contains five Articles, follows:—

—The King of Korea will send a special Ambassador with a Royal Letter to His Majesty the Emperor of Japan, conveying an ample apology and expression of regret for the late outrage committed on the Japanese in Seoul.

—The Corean Government will make full compensation to the families of those Japanese who were killed or wounded on the occasion, and also for the loss of property sustained by the Japanese residents in Seoul.

—The murderers of the Japanese residents in Seoul shall be arrested and punished in accordance with their crimes.

IV.—The Corean Government will rebuild the Japanese Legation.

V.—The barracks of the Japanese soldiers shall also be rebuilt, and the Corean Government will do everything that devolves upon it in this matter in a satisfactory way.

THE following telegrams are taken from Australian papers:—

LONDON, December 22.—The Standard this morning publishes a statement to the effect that Germany has notified to the Foreign Powers that she has annexed New Britain, New Ireland, New Hanover, Duke of York Island, the Marshalls, Anderson and Admiralty Islands, and the northern portion of New Guinea. It further stated that the English Government have been aware of the intentions of Germany since July last. Dr. Elyot will probably be appointed administrator of these new acquisitions of Germany.

The new Queensland gunboat *Palamau* has sailed for that Colony.

LONDON, December 23.—The German Government having previously given a pledge to Lord Derby that they would not annex any portion of New Guinea, Mr. R. Murray Smith, Agent-General for Victoria, has inquired whether, under these circumstances, the Imperial Government will recognise the annexation by Germany of the northern portion of New Guinea.

It is stated that the English Government have not annexed the D'Entrecasteaux Islands.

THE Times this morning, commenting on the annexations by Germany in New Guinea and the islands in its vicinity, says that the hesitation of Lord Derby in dealing with the Pacific Islands deserves the severest censure.

It is understood that negotiations are proceeding between the English and French Governments concerning the cession of the New Hebrides to France.

It is stated that there are 14,000 Arabs settled at Berber, who are resolved to resist the advance of the British expedition.

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SCOTLAND'S BARD.

MY DEAR MR. EDITOR, I crave indulgence on your time and space, for a word of warning to our annual gathering in honour of our glorious bard, whose fame grows greater every day, and whose works command from every succeeding generation of loath-hearted Scotchmen unbound and unhesitating love and admiration. His heart would have been gladdened mightily could he, in the flesh and blood, have seen the gallant array of braw lads who congregated to do honour to his memory on Saturday night, and I can well imagine the grateful words which would have flowed from "the most living and eloquent lips that ever spoke in Scotland." His generous nature would have been touched, indeed. Alas! like many another brilliant star of the literary firmament his countrymen at large failed to realise his great worth while he was among them, and neglected to succour him in his hour of need. But I mean his back to the orgiasts of Saturday night. To begin with, it was appointed that we should gather in that grand and sumptuous place the Hongkong Hotel, whar'e we were to assemble at half past seven. At the forthcoming, I met my auld fren and aince bosom companion, Jock Thomson, and a wheen-mair comie cronies, wi' whom I slithered awa' intae a corner o' the room, an' watched the in comers. Awa'ng the first to come upon the scene was our auld and respectib' chairman, looking as hale and burly as ever, and au'ra braw and chief-like in his kilt and plaid. Then the chaps en't in quickly in twas an' threes, and made up wi' their cronies for the nicht, amang them being twa or three kilts lads, ane of them wearin' the Royal Stewart tartan. Nae doubt he belonged to the Royal family, only maybe a far awa' branch. At ony rate, he looked unco' ure. While the elangs were musterin' our chief gae round makin' friens wi' his brother Scots until the cropper arrived, amang the latest. Then the company filed awa' in twas, an' headed by twa pipers, as handsome men as aye could find in a lang day's march an' lookin' as proud o' their pipes and plaids as gaudy peacock's their gaudy feathers, they played us into the dining room. "There our men met wi' aicht which at nine took our hearts and thoughts back to Bonnie Scotland. Thistles, big as trees, were planted round on ilu' side, which ane an' lu' looked on with that affection which our dear but uncouth looking emblem is aye regarded wi'. My carts, if the thistles which the Roman soldier in the array of Julius Caesar put his foot on when he tried to surprise a Scot's encampment was as big as the imitation aunc's I saw on Saturday night, I mak little wonder that he yelled outright. A big Saint Andrew's shield was hung up at the head o' the room, which was made up pretty by the fous in the hotel. And the tabs, Man! if you had seen the leads o' shortbread, and pyramids o' sweet cakes andither nicks macks with which it was burdened to make it look bonnie, it would have made your mou' water. But, of course, a' these guid things were kept for the last, just to fill up the crannies that were left after we had finished with the mair substantial things provided for our temporal wants. And I can tell you the feast was fit for a King. And you may be au'ro the diners see dear to Scottish stomachs were not forgotten. There was "Cock a leekie" soup and "Sheep's Head-broth" to commence wi', an' after we'd done wi' that our plates were regaled wi' Fife haddies and salmon. Man, the haddies were grand, and gairred me wi' I was aine mair back to my native town, the capital o' our country, just to taste Mrs. Downie's celebrated treaclepuddin' aye. 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